

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-4, 9, 10, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 29-31, and 35-37.

Please add new claims 42-68 as set forth below.

A complete listing of all claims pending in this application follows.

Claims 1-41 (canceled).

42. (new) A chair, comprising:

a one-piece molded seat assembly including (i) a seat back having a front side and a rear side, (ii) a seat bottom having an upper side and a lower side, and (iii) an intermediate portion connected between said seat back and seat bottom;

a frame assembly having (i) a seat back support member positioned adjacent to said rear side of said seat back, and (ii) a bottom support member positioned adjacent to said lower side of said seat bottom,

wherein said seat back pivots in relation to seat back support member between a first seat back position and a second seat back position,

wherein pivoting of said seat back from said first seat back position to said second seat back position causes said seat bottom to move in relation to said bottom support member from a first seat bottom position to a second seat bottom position,

said intermediate portion possesses a first configuration in a relaxed state and a second configuration in a stressed state, and

during movement of said intermediate portion from said second configuration to said first configuration, said intermediate portion causes (i) said seat back to pivot from said second seat back position to said first seat back position, and (ii) said seat bottom to move from said second seat bottom position to said first seat bottom position.

43. (new) The chair of claim 42, further comprising a pivot element that includes (i) a first portion which is connected to said seat back, and (ii) a second portion which includes a connector that is pivotably coupled to seat back support member.

44. (new) The chair of claim 42 wherein:  
said bottom support member defines a bearing surface, and  
said seat bottom slides along said bearing surface when said seat bottom moves between said second seat bottom position and said first seat bottom position

45. (new) The chair of claim 43, wherein:  
said seat back support member includes a support bar spanning at least a portion of said seat back; and  
said pivot element includes at least one connector projecting from said seat back and configured to pivotably engage said support bar.

46. (new) The chair of claim 45, wherein said at least one connector includes at least one snap-fit hook configured to pivotably engage said support bar.

47. (new) The chair of claim 45, wherein said at least one connector is a mounting pad defining a recess configured to pivotably engage said support bar.

48. (new) The chair of claim 45, wherein:  
said seat back defines a concavity at least adjacent said support bar; and  
said support bar includes a substantially linear center section and opposite end sections connected at an angle to said center section so that said support bar accommodates said concavity of said seat back.

49. (new) The chair of claim 42, wherein:  
said bottom support member includes at least one elongated bar,  
said at least one elongated bar defines a bearing surface;  
said seat bottom includes at least one slide block attached thereto, and  
said at least one slide block defines a channel for slidably receiving said at least one elongated bar.

50. (new) The chair of claim 49, wherein said slide block includes:  
an upper portion attached to said seat bottom and defining an upper half of said channel;  
a lower portion defining a lower half of said channel, said upper half and said lower half combinable to encircle said at least one elongated bar; and  
a fastener for connecting said lower portion to said upper portion with said at least one elongated bar within said channel.

51. (new) The chair of claim 50, wherein said upper portion of said slide block is integral with said seat bottom.

52. (new) The chair of claim 49, wherein:

said at least one elongated bar has a first end adjacent said seat back and an opposite second end; and

said bottom support member includes a stop attached to said at least one elongated bar adjacent said second end, said stop configured to limit movement of said slide block toward said second end.

53. (new) The chair of claim 52, wherein said bottom support member includes a second stop connected to said at least one elongated bar adjacent said first end, said second stop configured to limit movement of said slide block toward said first end.

54. (new) The chair of claim 42, wherein said intermediate portion has a reduced width less than a largest width of said seat back.

55. (new) A chair, comprising:

a seat member having (i) a seat back, (ii) a seat bottom, and (iii) an intermediate portion connected between said seat back and seat bottom;

a bottom support member having a bearing surface slidably supporting said seat bottom thereon;

a seat back support member; and

a pivot element interposed between said seat back support member and said seat back,

wherein said seat back pivots about said seat back support member between a first seat back position and a second seat back position, and

wherein pivoting of said seat back from said first seat back position to said second seat back position causes said seat bottom to slide along said bearing surface from a first seat bottom position to a second seat bottom position.

56. (new) The chair of claim 55, wherein:

said intermediate portion possesses a first configuration in a relaxed state and a second configuration in a stressed state, and during movement of said intermediate portion from said second configuration to said first configuration, said immediate portion causes (i) said seat back to pivot from said second seat back position to said first seat back position, and (ii) said seat bottom to slide along said bearing surface from said second seat bottom position to said first seat bottom position.

57. (new) The chair of claim 55, wherein:

said pivot element has a first portion that is connected to said seat back, and

said pivot element further has a second portion that includes a connector that is pivotably coupled to seat back support member.

58. (new) The chair of claim 55, wherein said seat member comprises a one piece molded plastic shell that includes said seat back, said seat bottom, and said intermediate portion.

59. (new) The chair of claim 55, wherein:

said seat back support member includes a support bar spanning at least a portion of said seat back; and

said pivot element includes at least one connector projecting from said seat back and configured to pivotably engage said support bar.

60. (new) The chair of claim 59, wherein said at least one connector includes at least one snap-fit hook configured to pivotably engage said support bar.

61. (new) The chair of claim 59, wherein said at least one connector is a mounting pad defining a recess configured to pivotably engage said support bar.

62. (new) The chair of claim 59, wherein:

said seat back defines a concavity at least adjacent said support bar; and

said support bar includes a substantially linear center section and opposite end sections connected at an angle to said center section so that said support bar accommodates said concavity of said seat back.



63. (new) The chair of claim 55, wherein:

said bottom support member includes at least one elongated bar connected to and supported by said leg,  
said at least one elongated bar defines said bearing surface;  
said seat bottom includes at least one slide block attached thereto, and  
said at least one slide block defines a channel for slidably receiving said at least one elongated bar.

64. (new) The chair of claim 63, wherein said slide block includes:

an upper portion attached to said seat bottom and defining an upper half of said channel;  
a lower portion defining a lower half of said channel, said upper half and said lower half combinable to encircle said at least one elongated bar; and  
a fastener for connecting said lower portion to said upper portion with said at least one elongated bar within said channel.

65. (new) The chair of claim 64, wherein said upper portion of said slide block is integral with said seat bottom.

66. (new) The chair of claim 63, wherein:

said at least one elongated bar has a first end adjacent said seat back and an opposite second end; and

said bottom support member includes a stop attached to said at least one elongated bar adjacent said second end, said stop configured to limit movement of said slide block toward said second end.

67. (new) The chair of claim 66, wherein said bottom support member includes a second stop connected to said at least one elongated bar adjacent said first end, said second stop configured to limit movement of said slide block toward said first end.

68. (new) The chair of claim 55, wherein said intermediate portion has a reduced width less than a largest width of said seat back.